**Celebrating Our Faith: The Second Annual Commemoration of Religious Life in the Episcopal Church**

The Second Annual Commemoration of Religious Life in the Episcopal Church marks a moment of profound reflection and joy, which we invite you to share with us.

I was drawn to *The Companions of Saint Luke* for several reasons. Firstly, it offered me a path to a deeper prayer life, allowing me to connect more intimately with the divine. Secondly, the daily readings of the Bible and the Rule of Saint Benedict have become a cornerstone of my spiritual practice. These sacred texts, accompanied by introspection and prayer, have deeply influenced my understanding and experience of faith. They allow me to reflect on my spiritual values and align them with my actions, guiding me towards a mature spiritual life. This process also allows me to develop compassion, understanding, and a deeper sense of community.

Our commemoration is also an opportunity to learn from others on similar paths. In our Faith community of All Saints, Father Gordon Chastain (Oblate in the [Order of Julian of Norwich](https://www.orderofjulian.org/)), Brother Francis-Jonathan (Life Professed member in the [Brotherhood of Saint Gregory](https://gregorians.org/)), and I (Novice in the [Companions of Saint Luke, OSB](https://csl-osb.org/)) are always eager to share our experiences. We invite you to speak with us about our respective orders and faith journeys.

For more information on Episcopal Christian Communities, visit the National Association of Episcopal Christian Communities at [naecc.net](http://naecc.net/) and the Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas at [caroa.net](https://www.caroa.net/). This celebration is not just about remembering; it's about moving forward together, growing in faith and compassion.